

The Homer Fitts Co.

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"The Store Where Quality Counts"

New Dress Cottons for 1918

New Goods are Coming in Daily.
Value-Variety-Quality
are the three outstanding features of our Wash Goods section.

We have gathered these fabrics with a consideration for our patrons, and we can safely say that not a caller will be disappointed with them in either variety or price.

New Figured Cotton Voiles and Foulards For Spring Dresses, new designs, 32 and 40-inches wide, yard **39c**

New Mercerized Pongee
A Beautiful Spring Fabric, 36-inches wide, per yard **49c**

New Beach Cloth
Colors are Rose, Navy, Tan, Copenhagen and White; yard wide, per yard **39c**

New Fancy White Voile and Lace Cloth Dainty Stripes and Designs; 36 and 38-inches wide; per yard **29c, 39c, 45c, 69c**

New White Gabardine and Pique
Excellent quality, suitable for skirts and coats, yard wide, per yard **39c, 45c, 69c**

New White Poplin
Launders beautifully; 36-inches wide, per yard **39c**

Special for Saturday
Women's Fabric Gloves \$1.00 Pair
Look and wear like leather at half the price; new spring shades in gray and rookie. Just received.

TALK OF THE TOWN

See Abbott's display of wash silks.
James K. Pirie of Granvilleville is passing a few days in St. Johnsbury on business.
Samuel Mattson left the city this morning for Concord, N. H., where he is visiting relatives for a few days.
Miss Ethel Ewen of Hartford, Conn., is passing a few days in the home of her mother, Mrs. James Ewen of Orange street.
"Alexander's Back from Dixie with His Ragtime Band." George Laviolette will tell you about it at I. O. O. L. minstrels Friday, March 1.—adv.

The condition of Mrs. Margaret Smith of Liberty street, who is confined to the City hospital as the result of an illness contracted when she was overcome by coal gas Wednesday, was reported to be more comfortable to-day. It is expected that the patient will be removed to her home early in the coming week.

Attractive campaign headquarters for Alderman C. H. Reynolds, who is a candidate for the mayoralty in the coming city election, has been opened in the Dodge building, over the store of the Barre Cold Storage & Creamery Co. Supporters of Alderman Reynolds are invited to visit the headquarters.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

TO RENT ON SHARES—Sugar orchard equipped with modern improvements, with wood in shed; near Marshfield depot; even to gather and if desired; also pasture to rent or take in stock to pasture; E. G. Darr, Marshfield, Vt. 2904

Boys' Mackinaws

If your boys require Mackinaws for next season, you should buy now. The prices are low and the quality high.

Sizes, from 6 to 18 years.

Prices, from \$5.00 to \$8.00.

The
Frank McWhorter Co.

BARRE DAILY TIMES

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1918.

The Weather

Cloudy and warmer to-night and Saturday; probably light snow; slight south winds.

TALK OF THE TOWN

See Abbott's line of silk dresses.
New line of wash silks waists at Abbott's.

Two second-hand safes for sale. Calder & Richardson, Depot square.
Sixty-cent Swiss milk chocolates 43c lb. Saturday at Cummings & Lewis.
Fred L. Page of Highland avenue is passing several days with friends in Plainfield.

Regular meeting of I. O. O. L. M. U. in K. of C. hall Friday night, Feb. 22, at 6:30 sharp.

Miss Florence Converse went to her home in Middlesex last evening for a visit of a few days.

"Billy" Leith has the monkey act down to fine art. Hear his "nut" song at I. O. O. L. minstrels, March 1.—adv.

William Courtney in "The Hunting of the Hawk," a five-reel feature, and "The Fatal Ring," Bijou, to-day.—adv.

Miss Agnes Murphy left the city this morning for Burlington, where she is to pass the week end with relatives.

Thomas Alare left last night for North Adams, Mass., where he was called by the illness of his brother.

A. K. Soules, western representative of Jones Bros., returned to Boston yesterday, after passing a few days at the home office.

Private Matt Hagan, who is stationed at Camp Devens, arrived in the city this morning to pass a leave of absence at his home in East Barre.

This week you will find at the Barre Candy Kitchen our own mixture which takes the place of that popular seller, the American mixture, which we are unable to buy now.

When you are downtown on a cold day stop into Marion's restaurant for a regular dinner. Table board and business men's lunches are our specialties. Try "Marion service!"

A carload of coal which arrived in Barre Feb. 20 left the point of shipment just 89 days before it appeared in this city, according to an inquiry made by a local fuel dealer.

Don't miss reading Gerard's second great book, "Face to Face with Kaiserism," in next Sunday's Advertiser-American and Daily Advertiser. Get your order in early. O. J. Dodge.

This is the day on which the petition of the national W. C. T. U. is to be presented to President Wilson and Congress. It is signed by 900 prominent women and asks for national prohibition during the period of the war.

Word was received in the city yesterday announcing the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. William White of Oakland, Calif., on Feb. 15. This will be remembered by friends in this city as Miss Margaret Hunter.

A. G. Miles of South Main street, who has been in the employ of William Miles as a barber for several years, has completed his duties. Mr. Miles expects to open a tonsorial establishment somewhere in the south end.

Tickets for "There She Goes," the big musical comedy coming to the opera house Monday night, are now on sale at the Red Cross Drug Store. As the heatless Mondays have been called off, there will be no matinee.—adv.

Frank G. Howland, county chairman of the war savings stamp campaign, was in West Barre last evening and gave a 15-minute talk on the subject of United States thrift and war savings stamps at a prize speaking contest held in the parish hall.

A. O. Comstock of South Barre has a Rhode Island Red hen which observed Washington's birthday by laying an egg which measured eight inches in circumference around the ends, six inches around the center and was three inches in diameter.

The chorus work in the I. O. O. L. minstrels will be worth the price of admission. But the funny endmen, the local hits and song numbers will all be enjoyed. Dancing after the show. Half price for the Red Cross. Will you be there?—adv.

Benjamin Gasparello of Washington street returned this morning from Boston, where he has been passing a week on business. His brother, Anthony Gasparello, formerly a member of the granite manufacturing firm of Gasparello Bros. in this city, is now engaged in the restaurant business in Boston.

Miss Mary Heffernan, who has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams of Brooklyn street during the past few days, returned to-day to her home in Montreal. She was accompanied by Miss Ella Williams, who will make a few days of a few days with friends and relatives in Montreal.

Charles E. O'Kelly of Howe place returned last night from Boston, where he has been visiting his brother, Patrick H. O'Kelly, for the last month. He was surprised by 25 of his young friends, who were waiting at his home to greet him. They spent the evening in games, and after a hearty lunch at 11 p. m. departed to their homes.

William Dobie of Barre, who has been employed as a dry goods clerk in the E. A. Thomas store at Randolph for several years, has volunteered for service in the signal corps of the United States army. Early in the week he passed the physical examination at Chelsea, and enlisted for service at once. He expects to leave within a few days for Fort Leavenworth, Kans.

P. W. Bancroft of Franklin street is in receipt of a letter from his brother, C. Def. Bancroft, a former Montpelier correspondent of The Times, stating that he has been assigned to stenography work since his enlistment in the signal corps. Private Bancroft writes interestingly of the curriculum of the signal corps recruit in the unit now stationed at the University of Vermont in Burlington.

North Barre has a candidate for a deputy sheriff's commission in the person of George Parks, who will resign the second constable to other hands after the expiration of his present term. Joseph Lavery, who recently moved to Springfield, served as a deputy sheriff and peace officer in North Barre for several years, and his departure, although he did not resign his commission upon transferring to another county, leaves the precinct without a resident officer. A petition being circulated for Mr. Parks by his friends is meeting with general favor.

The F. O. E. degree team is requested to meet in Worthen hall to-night at 7 o'clock.

A special communication of Granite lodge, No. 35, P. E. O. 2244, M. U. will be held at 7:30 p. m. Work. E. A. degree. Per order W. M.

GROW MORE SPRING

WHEAT—INCREASE THE FOOD SUPPLY

Agricultural Program for Year Re-emphasizes the Necessity of Producing Large Supply of Foods and Feedstuffs to Feed America and the Allies—Amplifies Program of August, 1917.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 22.—The planting of an increased acreage to spring wheat and the production of an increased supply of other food products and of live stock, especially hogs, is recommended in its supplementary food-production program issued to-day by the department of agriculture.

This program re-emphasizes and amplifies the food production program for 1918 issued by the department in August, 1917, and other suggestions made in the fall and the first of this year regarding increased pork production and increased production of foodstuffs in the South. Taken in connection with the recommendation previously made, it suggests to full the proposals which the department thinks it desirable to offer with a view to secure enough meat and dairy products, cereals, sugar, and other staple and perishable foods, wool, and cotton for the nation, its armies, and the allies. It gives suggestions for the approaching spring operations, based upon the latest available information as to the condition of the fall-planted crops of winter wheat and rye and as to the number of meat and dairy animals reported for 1917. They represent the best thought of the specialists of the department who have had the benefit of advice from agricultural leaders throughout the country.

Notwithstanding an increased production of staple crops in the United States in 1917, there is need for more food, the program states. "Taking into account our own needs, the needs of the nations associated with us in the war, and the needs of friendly neutral nations, our best efforts will be required to provide enough food in 1918. Whether the war continues or not, the demands on this country, because of the increasing population and the needs of Europe, will be great. An especially strong demand will be made on this country for meats and live stock. In 1917, notwithstanding the many difficulties encountered, the farmers planted the largest acreage in the history of the nation, harvested record crops of most things except wheat, and succeeded in greatly increasing the number of live stock. The record of the farmers last year, made in the face of obstacles, is ground for confidence on their part that, with equal application and organization, they can overcome the difficulties this year but, the program especially points out, it does not afford justification for any let-up this year in production activities or in conservation efforts.

The leading war foods. "The situation is such that chief emphasis should be given to the production of the great staple food products, with special stress on wheat and hogs, the leading war foods. It is believed that the necessary production can be secured through the use of the best-known farm methods, but it may be necessary to a small extent to sacrifice certain of the less important farm crops temporarily in the interest of others which rank highest in importance as food for men. Above all, sound farm practice, including well-established crop rotations with legumes, should not be interfered with. This is in the interest chiefly of crops in future years."

The South is urged to provide food for its own people and feed for the live stock and then to plant as much cotton as can well be cultivated and harvested. To raise of hogs and beef animals the need for meat and fat is made clear. Farmers are urged to join with the men on the ranges in providing sheep whose wool is needed to equip soldiers.

Farm Labor. The program discusses the farm labor problem, points out the lines of effort for relief, and outlines the activities of the federal and state agencies to furnish assistance. It indicates that, while the labor situation still presents difficulties, and is especially acute in the neighborhood of great industrial centers, the farmers succeeded in overcoming them last year, and that, with better organization and especially with deferred classification of skilled farm labor, the difficulties again can be surmounted and production maintained and increased in certain directions.

The department states that it is assisting and will continue to assist farmers in every feasible way, through its enlarged personnel, funds, and facilities, to secure and safeguard their seed supplies and to prevent losses of foodstuffs from insect pests and diseases of plants and animals.

Spring Wheat. In dealing with the question of spring wheat, the program states that should be increased in order to make certain that we shall have an adequate supply of wheat for our own use and to meet the needs of the allies.

"While the area of winter wheat sown in 1917 was the largest on record, the condition of the crop, as reported on Dec. 1, was the lowest ever recorded, indicating a probable production of only 540,000,000 bushels. Whether the actual production will be greater or less than the estimate will depend upon conditions prevailing between now and the time of harvest. If there were planted to spring wheat in the United States this year an acreage equal to the sum of the record planting in each spring wheat state within the last ten years, there would be sown approximately 22,000,000 acres. If there should be planted an acreage equal to the sum of the record planting for each state within the last five years, there would be sown approximately 21,000,000 acres. The record planting for any year was 20,281,000, in 1911. The acreage for 1917 was 18,611,000.

"The department of agriculture has carefully studied all these records and other data in connection with the present war conditions and needs, and believes that it will be possible this year to secure an acreage in excess of the record acreage which was planted in 1911. It is believed that increased acreages can be secured in states and sections where spring wheat production is known to be reasonably promising, and that such increases can be made without upsetting farm plans. The total acreage will be greatly influenced by what is done in Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana, and Idaho, where the conditions have not been the most favorable and where, in some sections, they have been decidedly unfavorable during the past two years. North Dakota's lowest acreage in the last five years was that of 1917—7,000,000; Minnesota's, 3,230,000 in 1917; Montana's, 2,000,000 in 1917; and Idaho's, 2,000,000 in 1912. North Dakota's record acreage in the last five years was 8,350,000 in 1915; Minnesota's 4,150,000 in 1915; Montana's 1,129,000 in 1917; and Idaho's 575,000 in 1917. North Dakota's five-year average (1912-16) was 7,657,000; Minnesota's 3,395,000; Montana's 566,000; and Idaho's 231,000. Montana's annual planting has shown increases during the last four years as follows: 1914-15, 3,210,000; 1915-16, 185,000; 1916-17, 187,000. What these states can do this spring it is difficult to determine. Because of the difficulties which they have experienced particularly during the past two years, a definite suggestion of acreages for these four states is not given in the accompanying table. However, the average acreage of each for five years (1912-16) is included. These are great spring wheat producing states and they may be counted upon to do all they can. If it is possible for them to extend their acreages, the total for the last column will be correspondingly greater."

Union Dry Goods Company

If You Knew a Year Ago What You Know To-day

you doubtless would have prepared a little against the conditions that confront you now. An extra Linen Table Cloth, a Cotton Sheet, a dozen Hose, etc., purchased a year ago, would look mighty good to you to-day as compared with the price and quality on the same articles bought now. A year hence will, of necessity, bring more and greater changes. Some lines of merchandise will be entirely discontinued, others will suffer from such acute shortage as to make necessary a big reduction in quality and a higher price.

The hardest hit article is going to be wool

and all garments made from it will carry unheard-of prices. There will no doubt be popular prices, too, but the quality will be greatly inferior—more so, perhaps, than we can realize now.

A Coat or a Suit bought now will be worth over 50 per cent. more by next fall

Not only that, but you'll get quality that may be impossible by that time. The styles will be practically the same. Our prices to-day are lower than they ever can be again, so it's simply a question of wisdom or timidity.

For Saturday

You can buy any Coat or Suit in this store for one-half the original price marked. Every garment has its original ticket, and you can figure it out yourself. The line is considerably broken up, but there are still some "good buys" for early buyers.

Special Sale of Children's Coats at \$2.98

THE UNION DRY GOODS COMPANY

THE BIG THING.

By Abbie Farwell Brown of The Vigilantes.

We had a war of independence; a little democracy came into being and stood for itself. The big thing was in embryo.

We had a war of liberty; our growing democracy stood for a great human and national ideal, and forces were aligned for the big thing to come.

We had a war of righteous interference; our great democracy stood for the co-operation of neighboring nations; and the big thing loomed near.

The big thing has come! We have a war to the death of right against wrong. Our mighty nation, equipped with power and influence, proudly self-conscious, united by danger, has championed the principles of world brotherhood, democracy and justice. America has grown to her chance! She stands now not upon her own rights; not upon the rights of a class or condition of men; not upon the rights of her neighbors or friends;—but upon the rights of the whole free world! Here is the first national voice raised for the broadest internationalism.

A big thing indeed! The biggest thing that has happened since Christendom. And we are in it! We inconspicuous individuals, chosen by inscrutable Providence to be alive to-day, we each share it! We cannot escape. The privilege of being alive in these hard, terrible, glorious times entails its responsibility upon each one of us, to do our bit; as we can. No one can be a spectator only. Whoever is not helping by thought, word or deed, is on the other side.

What is our part in the big thing? We must each discover. And then we must put our individual shoulder to the big thing and push, with all our might! All together now!

America to the rescue! Freemen allied with freemen the world over against tyranny. America helping "to make the world safe for democracy," brotherhood and peace.

Isn't that a big enough thing to live and sacrifice for? To die for, if necessary?

Nothing else seems worth while, just now, to folk of true vision.

STARVE GARDEN PEST.

Most Effective Method of Combating Nematode Galls.

The very serious losses caused by the gallworm nematode in gardens, especially in the South, have resulted in the trial of numerous methods of control. One of the most effective methods yet tested is to starve the pest. This may

be accomplished by dividing the garden into two parts, one of which is available for cultivation, fowls being kept on the other half and changed from one to the other about every two to four years. The gallworm is absolutely dependent on the roots of the higher plants for its nourishment. If no such plants are allowed to grow, the pest is starved, and in the course of a year or two it can be brought to a stage where its ravages will not be serious.

Alternate Garden and Fowl Run. The suggested alternation of fowl run with garden may be brought about simply by fencing in the fowls. If possible, it would be well to arrange the division of the land in the direction of its slope, so that the drainage will not be from the garden to the fowl run or vice versa. The idea is to keep the fowl run free from vegetation for a year or two. This means that about the maximum number of fowls for the area must be kept and that the soil must be occasionally spaded or otherwise stirred. This stirring of the soil is a good thing for the fowls and helps also to reduce the nematode pest, for every time the earth is spaded fresh soil is brought to the action of the sun and air and becomes more or less disinfected through their action on the eggs and larvae of the pest.

There are thousands of gardens where this procedure is practicable. Definite information with regard to the existence of the gallworm nematode may be obtained by submitting abnormal roots to the department of agriculture for examination.

THURSDAY and SATURDAY

With the "I don't care" effect, yet smart as they make 'em. Why wait with an early spring hat, when \$1.98 and \$2.50 will buy you one of these.

Mrs. Shepard Co.
Inc.
Cafe Shepard downstairs

Saturday and Monday Cut Price Sale

Here's a money-saving Shoe Sale. It's your opportunity to get the best there is in Footwear at close to wholesale prices of next spring.

Men's Shoes, Black or Brown, \$8.50 values for \$7.65
Men's Shoes, Black or Brown, \$7.50 values for 6.75
Men's Shoes, Black or Brown, \$6.50 values for 5.40
Men's Shoes, Black or Brown, \$5.00 values for 4.50
Women's Shoes, Black, Brown or Gray, \$10.00 values for 8.50
Women's Shoes, Black, Brown or Gray, \$9.00 values for 8.00
Women's Shoes, Black, Brown or Gray, \$8.00 values for 7.20
Women's Shoes, Black, Brown or Gray, \$7.00 values for 6.30
Women's Shoes, Black, Brown or Gray, \$6.00 values for 5.40
Women's Shoes, Black, Brown or Gray, \$5.00 values for 4.50

It will cost you money to forget this opportunity!

People's Shoe Store

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Milk Cans, Pans, Thermometers, Butter Prints, Churns, Paper Ladles, Paddles, Strainers, Pails, Cream Cans, Cow Tone, Cow's Relief, Calf Cordial.

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Barre, Vermont

EAST MONTPELIER CENTER.

Rev. S. F. Blomfield of Montpelier will preach at the church here next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.